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1. SEPTEMBER 28 EXCELSIOR CARRIED ARTICLE BY FAUSTO FERNANDEZ PONTE BASED ON AN INTERVIEW WITH AMBASSADOR DE OLLOQUI. (AS QUOTED, DE OLLOQUI REFERRED TO "RODINO BILL" -- WE ASSUME THIS IS INCORRECT.) FERNANDEZ QUOTES DE OLLOQUI AS HAVING SAID THAT "ONE SOLUTION TO BRACERO PROBLEM WOULD BE TO UNIONIZE THE MORE THAN ONE MILLION MEXICAN MIGRATORY WORKERS NOW IN THE US ..." DE OLOQUI ALLEGEDLY STATED THAT HE HAS BROACHED THIS IDEA WITH UNNAMED LABOR LEADERS. AMBASSADOR ALSO PROPOSED CREATION OF "LABOR COUNCILS" ON EITHER SIDE OF BORDER. SUCH A GROUP IN MEXICO "WOULD ASSURE ACCEPTABLE PROTECTION FOR OUR NATIONALS...", WHILE COUNTERPART US BODY "COULD INSURE THAT MIGRANTS WORK IN AREAS IN WHICH THEY DO NOT DISPLACE US LABORERS ..." AMBASSADOR ALSO QUOTED AS HAVING SAID THAT ILLEGALS ARE AGRICULTURAL WORKERS, ALTHOUGH HE WENT ON TO ADMIT THAT "THEY ARE BEGINNING TO SPREAD TOWARDS THE NORTH WHERE THEY CONGEST SERVICES WHEREIN THERE EXIST GREATER POSSIBILITIES OF DISPLACING LOCAL LABOR ..."

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2. OTHER PRESS PLAY REMARKABLY LIGHT. ENTERPRISING EL HERALDO JOURNALIST MANAGED TO TALK TO FONSEC RABASA WHO CONFINED HIS REMARKS TO CONFIRMATION THAT THIS WOULD BE "ONE OF THE THEMES" FOR DISCUSSION WHEN HE MEETS WITH SECRETARY KISSINGER. BOTH EXCELSIOR AND EL UNIVERSAL CARRY EFE STORY ON LETTER ADDRESSED TO SECRETARY KISSINGER FROM "COMMITTEE FOR AN OPEN SOCIETY".

3. ONLY EDITORIAL COMMENT THUS FAR WAS IN EL HERALDO. AFTER DESCRIBING ESSENCE OF BILL AS DESCRIBED IN AP RELEASE (REFTEL), EDITORIAL WENT ON TO CONTEND THAT "BY SIMPLE REASON OF GEOGRAPHIC CONTACT, IT IS ABSURD TO ISSUE A SIMILAR NUMBER OF VISAS TO THOSE WHO LIVE AT THE OTHER END OF THE PLANET ... APPROVAL OF THIS LAW WOULD PROVOKE AN IMMEDIATE WORSENING OF PROBLEM WHICH HAS GIVEN HEADACHES TO MEXICAN AND US GOVERNMENTS FOR YEARS, I.E. ILLEGAL ENTRY OF OUR COMPATRIOTS TO WORK THERE ..." AFTER ARGUING THAT FAILURE TO RESOLVE PROBLEM STEMS FROM FACT THAT US EMPLOYERS FIND IT CONVENIENT TO HIRE MEXICAN LABORERS, EDITORIAL ENDS BY CALLING FOR SENATE MODIFICATION OF BILL "WHICH IS NOT IN ACCORD WITH IDEAS" EXPRESSED BY SECRETARY KISSINGER FOR MORE EFFECTIVE RELATIONS BETWEEN US AND LATIN AMERICAN NEIGHBORS.
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